section (2) of Section 4 of the Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992 (No. 34 of 1992), this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one Member from among the Members of the House to be a member of the Rehabilitation Council of India.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE CENTRAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): Sir, I move:

> "That in pursuance of Section 3(2) (h) of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 (No. 1 of 1996) read with Section 4, this House do proceed to elect in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one Member from among the Members of the House to be a Member of the Central Coordination Committee."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, NEW DELHI

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, I would like to seek one clarification on this matter. As I understand, the term of a member of this Committee is five years. If any person continues to be a Member of this House, I would like to know whether really a vacancy has arisen. If a vacancy has arisen, then I would like to know in which case it has arisen. Where is the vacancy and which Member has retired in whose place this House has to elect another Member.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND CHILD WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): Sir, according to the bye-laws of the Institute, the term of a Member can terminate in between. It is not just for five years at a stretch. If that Member faces any break or his term is terminated, then naturally the period of his term on this Committee is also reduced. Therefore, this Motion has become inevitable and we have to elect a Member. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: But, where is the vacancy? Which Member has retired? You please answer this question. This House was represented on that Committee earlier. Normally, what we do is that when a Member retires or resigns, then you come before the House to fill up the vacancy. I want to know from the hon. Minister, kindly let us know as to which Member of the House, who represented the House on this Board, has retired. How has the vacancy arisen?

SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI: Sir, I will find out and inform the House...(*interruptions*)....

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI (Kerala): Then, you don't move it...(*interruptions*)...

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI (Madhya Pradesh): You don't move it now...(*interruptions*)...

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: You collect the information and inform the House...(*interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: He does not know...(*interruptions*)...He will inform the House...(*interruptions*)...Now, you move the motion...(*interruptions*)...

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: No, no...(*interruptions*)...

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Sir, no. He cannot move it now...(*interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please move the motion...(*interruptions*)...

SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI: Sir, move the motion...(*interruptions*)...

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Sir, I have a point of order...(*interruptions*)...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Mr. Chairman, Sir, this House is electing its representative on the Board. Since this House has not been informed by the hon. Minister as to what the vacancy is, who has resigned, etc., it cannot be done. The House cannot be taken for granted...(*interruptions*)...

SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM (Uttar Pradesh): The hon. Chairman has given his ruling on it...(*interruptions*)...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, what is this?...(*interruptions*)...

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Sir, the hon. Minister is unable to clarify...(*interruptions*)...The question raised by hon. Mukherjee...(*interruptions*)...Let him explain...(*interruptions*)...

प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा (दिल्ली): सभापति महोदय, यह बात ठीक है जब तक सदन में कोई वेकेंसी न हो जाए सदन उसको भरेगा कैसे और यह भी...(**व्यवधान**)

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Sir, what happened?...(*interruptions*)...

प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा: सभापति महोदय, वक्फ बोर्ड के बारे में भी एक ऐसी स्थिति पहले पैदा हो गई थी।...(**व्यवधान**) इंफार्मेशन हो तो आप बता दें? Either he should make...(*interruptions*)...

श्री सभापति: मैं इंफार्मेशन दूं।

Information is not to be given by me. It has to be given by the Minister.

प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा: मैं यह कह रहा था कि वक्फ बोर्ड के मामले में ऐसी स्थिति आई थी तब भी यह हुआ कि उसमें जगह खाली नहीं हुई थी और मिनिस्ट्री आफ पार्लियामेंट्री एफेयर्स की तरफ से उसको भर दिया गया था। बाद में काफी दिक्कत हुई। जगह खाली नहीं है और दूसरा नाम आ गया। बाद में उसको ठीक करने में काफी कठिनाई हुई और यह बात ठीक है कि अगर हाऊस में जगह खाली नहीं है तो मिनिस्टर साहब देखते, कोई जरूरी नहीं है कि आज ही फैसला हो।...(**व्यवधान**)

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Sir, I was elected for five years by this House-.....(*interruptions*)...

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: That is what I am saying...(*interruptions*)...

सभापति महोदय, मंत्री महोदय इसको पता करलें। कोई हर्ज नहीं है कल हो जाएगा, उसमें क्या दिक्कत है।

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, let the election be postponed...(*interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right, all right-...(*interruptions*)...

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Sir, you direct the hon. Minister not to rush into moving the motion. I understand that an hon. Member of this House, represented this House on that Board. Later on he became a Minister. Naturally, the seat would have fallen vacant. I think, it was three years ago. Sir, three years ago, he became a Minister. His ministerial term was over but still he is continuing to be a Member of the House and he continues to be a Member of the Board. I understand that just five or six days ago, he attended a meeting...(*interruptions*)...Please listen to me...(*interruptions*)...Five or six days ago a meeting took place. He continued to be a Member of that House. Now, after three years, the cause of action arose. You are coming today to rectify it. How it could happen?

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: It was presided over by the Minister...(*interruptions*)...

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Once a person becomes a Minister, he ceases to be a member of the Board. On that very day, he should have ceased to be a member of the Board. If he continues, it is against the law. I think, that way, the hon. Minister has a right to ask for the view of the House...(*interruptions*)...

SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Sir, I am on a point of order...(*interruptions*)...

SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Sir, I am on a point of order...*(interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, no points of order...*(interruptions)*...Please, sit down...*(interruptions)*...Please, sit down ...*(interruptions)*...I would say, please do not move this motion now. You get a clarification as to how the vacancy has arisen, and then come to the House to move it.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 14TH DECEMBER, 1998

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI DILIP RAY): Sir, I beg to announce that the Government Business in this House for the next week will consist of:—

1. Consideration and passing of:—
   (a) The Marriage Laws (Amendment) Bill, 1997.
   (b) The Export-Import Bank of India (Amendment) Bill, 1998, as passed by Lok Sabha.
   (c) The Railway Claims Tribunal (Amendment) Bill, 1998, as passed by Lok Sabha.
   (d) The North Eastern Council (Amendment) Bill, 1998.
   (e) The Cotton Ginning and Pressing Factories (Repeal) Bill, 1998, as passed by Lok Sabha.
   (f) The Indian Majority (Amendment) Bill, 1997.
   (g) The Administrators-General (Amendment) Bill, 1998.
   (h) The Coffee (Amendment) Bill, 1998, as passed by Lok Sabha.
   (i) The High Court and Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Amendment Bill, 1998, as passed by Lok Sabha.
   (j) The Explosive Substances (Amendment) bill, 1998, as passed by Lok Sabha.
2. Consideration and return of the following Bills, as passed by Lok Sabha:—
   (a) The Appropriation (No. 4) Bill, 1998.
   (b) The Appropriation (Railways) No. 4 Bill, 1998.
3. Consideration and passing of the Leaders and Chief Whips of Recognised Parties and Groups in Parliament (Facilities) Bill, 1998, as passed by Lok Sabha.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Sir, I have a point to make. This is the last week of the session. Next week, we will be meeting only for three days. The hon. Minister has given us a statement on Government Business. In this House, many of us had persistently raised the issue of the Prasar Bharati Bill. We were told by the Government that they have not made up their mind. Now, the final list that the Government has placed before the House does not include that important thing in which the Government considered fit to promulgate an Ordinance. Therefore, I would like to know, through you, from the Government as to what is the fate of the Prasar Bharati Bill. There is a reason for this because on the last day of the last session, we persistently raised this issue. And the Government made a statement that since the papers had not come from the hon. President's office, it could not be tabled for discussion. We wanted extension by one day so that we could discuss it. That was also not agreed to. After a few days, an Ordinance was promulgated. Now, it seems that the Government does not attach any importance to that. Why? My first question is this. Why is there a change of mind? And secondly, why is the Rajya Sabha which persistently wanted to discuss the Bill not being allowed to discuss it at all? In my opinion, Sir, it is a grave Parliamentary